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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNEF- CANADIAN / POLISH LOGISTICS UNIT

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB SCHAUFLE NOV 11  
ASYG URQUHART MENTIONED DIFFICULTIES WHICH UN HAVING IN  
NEGOTIATING CANADIAN/POLISH LOGISTICS UNIT. HE SAID  
THAT CANADIANS HAVE PROVED TO BE RIGID AND THE POLES  
WERE "DANGEROUSLY COOPERATIVE".
2. HE EXPECTED TO PRESENT TO CANADIANS AND POLES  
NOV 12 PLAN WHICH WOULD GIVE THEM EQUAL REPRESENTATION  
IN TOTAL LOGISTICS UNIT OF ABOUT 1000 MEN EACH WITH  
LARGEST POLISH UNIT IN LAND TRANSPORT, IF FOR NO OTHER  
REASON BECAUSE POLES HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE VEHICLES  
WHICH CANADIANS WILL NOT DO. HE ASKED IF WE FELT THAT  
WE COULD MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO CANADA. HE POINTED OUT  
THAT CANADIANS IN THEIR PLANNING FOR PEACEKEEPING HAVE  
EVOLVED THE CONCEPT OF AN INTEGRATED MAINTENANCE  
BATTALION AND ARE VERY RELUCTANT TO ADAPT THEIR PLANNING  
TO A GIVEN SITUATION. HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE WERE  
ALREADY SOME COMPLAINTS FROM POLES IN CAIRO THAT THE  
CANADIANS WERE TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING.
3. MORNING NOV 12 AMB SCHAUFLE CALLED CANADIAN PERMREP RAE  
OSTENSIBLY TO BRING HIMSELF UP TO DATE ON PROCEEDINGS.  
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RAE INDIRECTLY CONFIRMED THAT OTTAWA WAS STILL BEING FAIRLY  
STIFF ON SPLITTING RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH COULD BE VERY  
INEFFICIENT MODUS OPERANDI. HE SAID HOWEVER THAT THEY HAD  
PROPOSED SEVERAL DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO PROBLEM WHEREAS

POLES HAD STUCK TO THEIR BASIC POSITION.

4. WHILE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR CANADIAN CONCEPT SCHAUFLE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS ALREADY BROKEN DOWN AND THAT POLITICAL FACTORS ASSUMED MUCH GREATER IMPORTANCE NOW. HE SAID US WAS GRATIFIED THAT QUICK AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED SO THAT CANADA COULD SUPPLY SIGNAL AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND THOUGHT IN VIEW OF CANADIAN EXPERIENCE AND WILLINGNESS PLUS REPORTED POLISH RELUCTANCE EVEN TO PARTICIPATE THAT CANADIANS WOULD END UP RUNNING THE OPERATION ANYWAY, ALBEIT AT A SOMEWHAT LOWER LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY THAN THEY WOULD DESIRE.

5. RAE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT INDEED BE THE CASE BUT THEY WERE STILL IN THE NEGOTIATING STAGE. HE HOPED THAT THIS COULD BE KEPT OUT OF PUBLIC PRESS AND HE CERTAINLY DID NOT WANT TO GIVE THE SOVIETS A REASON TO INTRUDE ONCE AGAIN INTO THIS QUESTION.

6. SYG WALDHEIM REPORTED TODAY THAT OVER WEEKEND SOVIET AMB MALIK COMPLAINED OF CANADIAN ATTITUDE, ALLEGING CANADIANS TRYING TO PUSH POLES ASIDE. WALDHEIM ASKED WE INTERVENE WITH CANADIAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF WHO HE BELIEVES IS BEING VERY STIFF-NECKED RE ARRANGEMENTS. SCALI

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